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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, QA

SUBJ: ROLE OF DEA

REF: STATE 243717

1. ROLE OF DEA IN QATAR VERY SMALL FOR VARIETY OF REASONS, MOST OBVIOUS OF WHICH IS THAT QATAR IS NEITHER PRODUCER NOR LARGE CONSUMER OF DRUGS. WE KNOW OF INDIVIDUAL CASES OF DRUG ABUSE BUT PROBLEM NOT REALLY LARGE ENOUGH TO IMPINE ON SOCIETY. WAHABI BRANRH OF ISLAM TO WHICH QATARIS SUBSCRIBE PROHIBITS US USE OF ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO (ALTHOUGH LATTER PROBITION USUAWLY IGNORED) AND CONSIDERS USE OF THESE AND OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS TO BE ANTI-RELIGIOUS AND ANTI-SOCIAL. USE OF DURGS BY SOUTH ASIAN EXPATRIATE LABORERS OCCURS BUT IS CONSIDERED A PROBLEM ONLY IF IT DECREASES PRODUCTIVITY AND IN ANY CASE INCIDENCE IS MINOR; WITH THIS IN VIND WE WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON A FEW POINTS RAISED IN REFTEL.

2. DEA ROLE OVERSEAS: PRIMARY ROLE SHOULD BE TO DECREASE FLOW OF DRUGS TO U.S. SECONDARY CONSIDERATION
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SHOULD BE ASSISTANCE AND EDUCATION IN HOST COUNTRIES. IN PRACTICE, SECONDARY ROLE OFTEN MUST PRECEDE FIRST, BUT SHOULD ONLY BE ALLOWED TO DO SO IN PURSUIT OF U.S. INTEREST. SAID ANOTHER WAY, U.S. (DEA) ROLE SHOULD ONLY INTERFERE WITH LOCAL CULTURAL, LEGAL, AND EKONOMIC PATTERNS WHEN OVERRIDING U.S. INTERESTS ARE INVOLVED. "WHITE KNIGHT" SYNDROME SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

3. CROSS PURPOSES: IF U.S. ANTI-DRUG POLICY IS TO BE CREDIBLE, DEA AGENTS MUST BE ALLOWED TO FUNCTION. SINCE WELFARE AND PROTECTIVE CONSULAR FUNCTIONS ARE NOT DESIGNED TO PREVENT FUNCTIONING OF LOCAL LAWS BUT RATHER TO ENSURE EQUAL TREATMENT UNDER LAWS, NO POSSIBILITY FOR REAL CONFLICT SHOULD OCCUR. APPARENT CONFLICT SHOULD BE EXPLAINED TO INTERESTED AMERICAN PARTIES IN THIS LIGHT. NO ONE COMPLAINS ABOUT DOMESTIC PRACTICE OF GOVERNMENT PROSECUTORS IN APPARENT CONFLICT WITH GOVERNMENT-APPOINTED PUBLIC DEFENDERS.

4. DEA'S EXTERNAL RELATIONS: THE FEW CONTACTS BETWEEN GOQ AND DEA PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN FRUITFUL AND HAPPY. GOQ SEEMS IMPRESSED WITH CALIBER OF DEA PERSONNEL AS A WHOLE AND WITH AIMS OF DEA WORLDWIDE.
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